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PRICE, \$2 PER MONTH.

AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. AGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E. C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill, LONDON & COUCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BURNS HENDER & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DRAGON & CO., 156 & 154, Leadenhall Street, W. M. WILSON, 101, Gresham Street, E.C. PARIS AND EURGY.—ADEMUS PAINCE & CO., 96, Rue Lafayette, Paris. NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row.

SAN FRANCISCO and AMERICAN Ports generally.—BROWN & BLACK, San Francisco. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOTON, Melbourne and Sydney. Ceylon.—W. M. SMITH & CO., THE APOTHECARY'S CO., Colombo. SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAUER & CO., Square, Singapore. G. HIRUNZEN & CO., Manila. CHINA.—MISCAU, F. A. DE CRUZ, SANTO DOMINGO & CO., Amoy, N. MOALLE, Foochow, HENDE & CO., Shanghai, LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama, LANE, CHAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

## Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$7,500,000  
RESERVE FUND, \$4,500,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO<sup>TE</sup>ES, \$7,000,000

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.  
Chairman—M. GROVE, Esq.  
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LONDON BANKERS—London, and County Bank.

HONGKONG.  
INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:  
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

6% 4 per cent.

12% 6 per cent.

Local DRAFTS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and general description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the other Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,  
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, July 18, 1887. 383

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 1; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may, at their option, transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked: On Hongkong Savings' Bank is forwarded free by the various British Post-Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
JOHN WALTER,  
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 7, 1887. 764

## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS OF GENERAL STORE-KEEPERS and COMMISSION AGENTS previously carried on at Foochow, in the Empire of China, under the Firm of HOK LEE HONG & CO., by TIONG AH HOI and TAN KING SING in Co-partnership, was DISSOLVED on the 6th-day of January, 1887; and the Responsibility of the said TAN KING SING for such debts or liabilities incurred by the said Firm or Chop terminated on the 6th day of January, 1887.

HOK LEE & CO.,  
Foochow.

Singapore, 17th May, 1887.

WITH Reference to the above, I, THOMAS HOK, of Foochow, beg to notify the Public that the BUSINESS of the HOK LEE HONG & CO. GENERAL STORE-KEEPERS and COMMISSION AGENTS, is now being carried on at Foochow as heretofore by TAM KIM CHING, of Singapore, Merchant, and Myself under the Style of HOK LEE HONG & CO.; and that I hold a Power of Attorney from the said TAM KIM CHING as his Agent individually and also as a Partner in the said Firm, to transact all matters connected with the Business of the Firm at Foochow.

TIONG AH HOK,  
Agent for the Official Liquidator.

Hongkong, June 1, 1887. 1047

## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE HAVE THIS DAY OPENED A BRANCH of our Firm at HANKOW. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & CO.

Hongkong, July 1, 1887. 1244

## NOTICE.

THE AGENCY at this Port of Messrs. CALDBECK MACGREGOR & CO., Shanghai, has THIS DAY been Transferred to MR. ALEXANDER LEVY.

E. JONES HUGHES.

WITH Reference to the above Notice, I have THIS DAY assumed CHARGE of the BUSINESS at this Port of Messrs. CALDBECK MACGREGOR & CO., SHANGHAI, and other Merchants, Shanghai.

ALEXANDER LEVY.

Hongkong, June 30, 1887. 1240

## Intimations.

HONGKONG BRICK & CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

OFFICE, NO. 8, QUEEN'S ROAD.

FIRE BRICKS OF SUPERIOR QUALITY FOR SALE.  
PRICE, \$30 PER CUBIC FT.

The following Testimonial has been received from F. W. CROSS, Esq., Manager, HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS COMPANY.

I have herewith much pleasure in testifying to the quality of the FIRE BRICKS as made by you at your new works.

In appearance the Brick is light and soft as compared with the ordinary Fire Brick used in the Colony, but this I may say is characteristic of the best English Fire Brick.

After a very severe test I have no hesitation in saying that this Brick is admirably suited to resist any degree of heat that it may be likely to undergo and for all purposes that Fire Bricks are used for.

I am now about to build them into one of my Furnaces and have no doubt of their being as good as, if not better than, the English Fire Bricks I have been using.

Orders are solicited for this Choice Tea, which will be forwarded by first Steamer, on receipt of the usual form duly filled up.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, July 18, 1887. 1353

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-Second Ordinary Half-Yearly MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, NO. 7, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 1st August, at Three O'Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, and electing Auditors.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th instant to the 1st August, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. HENDERSON,  
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, July 15, 1887. 1338

## NOTICE.

CHAS. J. GAUPP & CO.,

Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,  
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

VOUGHTER'S CELEBRATED BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES, RITCHIE'S LIQUID & OTHER COMPASSES, ADMIRALTY & IMRAY CHARTS, NAUTICAL BOOKS.

English SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE, CHRISTOFLE & CO.'S ELECTRO-PLATEDWARE, GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY, in great variety.

DIAMOND JEWELLERY,

A Splendid Collection of the Latest London PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are Sole Agents for

Hongkong and Manila for the Sale of

THE MONTSEERRAT LIME JUICE,

AND THE MONTSEERRAT LIME JUICE CORDIALS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

Hongkong, May 3, 1887. 864

## NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMasters and ENGINEERS are

respectfully informed that, upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of

the Company's VESSELS should be sent to the

Harbour, except for REPAIRS, if sent to the

Harbour, after payment of the CHARGES.

THE Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, August 25, 1887. 1458

## NOTICE.

THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION

(IN LIQUIDATION.)

## NOTICE.

CREDITORS OF THE ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, IN LIQUIDATION, are hereby informed that under an agreement between the Official Liquidator and the Assets Realisation Co., Limited, the following DIVIDENDS will be paid in addition to the 15/3d. already paid to CREDITORS.

1/3d. on the 23rd February, 1888.

1/3d. — — — 1889.

1/3d. — — — 1890.

Making in all 17/3d. in the £.

E. W. BUTTER,

Agent for the Official Liquidator.

Hongkong, July 11, 1887. 1307

## Business Notices.



## LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE the pleasure to inform the Community of Hongkong and neighbouring Ports, that they have made arrangements in Foochow for a SUPPLY of their MIXTURE of the CHOICEST NEW TEAS.

## THE CUMSHAW MIXTURE.

which in the course of many years, has acquired a deservedly high reputation, as evidenced by the large demand for use here, the appreciation shown by friends at home to whom it has been sent, and the numerous orders received for it from old Hongkong residents in the Colonies and elsewhere.

Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. undertake to deliver this acceptable present to friends in the United Kingdom, free of any charge whatever on the home side, at

Post—10catty Box—\$12.00.

Per—5catty Box—\$7.50.

Orders are solicited for this Choice Tea, which will be forwarded by first Steamer, on receipt of the usual form duly filled up.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, July 18, 1887. 1353

## W. POWELL & CO.

N. E. W. G. O. O. D. S.

LADIES' MACINTOSH COATS and MANTLES, UMBRELLAS and PARASOLS, PIOT'S EDGE-RIBBONS, all Colours.

TCUSSORE STRIPE DRESS MATERIALS, (ONEA and VERA EFFECTIVE.)

NEW MILLINERY TRIMMINGS, BLACK BEADED TABLIES and DRESS TRIMMINGS, FIVE O'CLOCK TEA CLOTHS, TIPPIN CLOTHS, NEW FANCY WORK.

Victoria EXCHANGE, June 30, 1887. 1238

## ROBERT LANG & CO., Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters,

QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

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## EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

## OUR SPRING STOCK OF

GENTLEMEN'S SHIRTS and COLLARS, UNDERVERSTS,

PANTS and HALF-HOSE,

BOOTS and SHOES,

## Mails.

## Mails.

NOTICE  
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES  
MARITIMES.  
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.  
STEAM FOR  
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,  
COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,  
PORT SAID,  
MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK  
SEA PORTS,  
MARSEILLES AND PORTS  
OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA;  
LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX,  
DUNLIK AND ANTWERP.

ON THURSDAY, the 21st Instant, at Noon, the Company's Steamship *OKUS*, Commanded by *GURHATI*, with  
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and  
CARGO, will leave this Port for the above  
places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for  
London as well as for Marseilles and accepted  
in transit through Marseilles for the  
principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until  
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4  
p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on  
the 20th Instant. (Parcels are not to be  
sent on board; they must be left at the  
Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Passengers are re-  
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the  
Company's Office.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,  
Agent.

Hongkong, July 8, 1887. 1280

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP  
COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA  
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING  
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF  
NEW YORK will be despatched for  
San Francisco, via Yokohama, on  
SATURDAY, the 23rd July, at 3 p.m., taking  
Passengers and Freight for Japan,  
the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for trans-  
portation to Yokohama and other Japan  
Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and  
Inland Cities of the United States, via Over-  
land Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and  
Domingo, and to ports in Mexico, Central  
and South America, by the Company's and  
connecting Steamers.

Through Passages. Tickets granted to  
England, France, and Germany by all  
trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.

Return Passages. Passengers who  
have paid full fare, re-embarking at San  
Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa)  
within six months, will be allowed a discount  
of 20% from Return Fare; if re-embarking  
within one year, an allowance of 10% will  
be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Re-  
turn Passages. Orders available for four years  
will be issued at a Discount of 25% from  
Return Fare. These allowances do not apply  
to through fares from China and Japan  
parts.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to  
address in full, and same will be received  
at the Company's Office, until 4 p.m. the  
day previous to sailing.

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to through fares from China and Japan  
parts.

Consignor Invoices to accompany Cargo  
destined to ports beyond San Francisco  
should be sent to the Company's Offices in  
Sealed Envelopes, addressed to the Collector  
of Customs at San Francisco.

For further information as to Passage  
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the  
Company, No. 504, Queen's Road Central.

C. D. HARMAN,  
Agent.

Hongkong, June 30, 1887. 1280

STEAM FOR  
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,  
POINT DE GALLE,  
ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,  
MALTA, MARSEILLES, GIBRALTAR,  
BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE,  
TRIESTE, AND LONDON;  
ALSO,  
BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND  
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills  
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERSIAN  
GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES,  
TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK  
AND BOSTON.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM  
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S STEAMSHIP  
RAVENNA, Captain A. B. DANIELL, with  
Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched  
from this for LONDON direct, via SUEZ  
CANAL and usual Ports of Call, on  
THURSDAY, 23rd July, at 4 p.m.

Shipping Orders will be granted till  
10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

Parcels and Specie (Gold) at the Office  
until Noon on the day of sailing.

For further particulars regarding  
BRIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the  
PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVI-  
GATION COMPANY'S Office, 73, Queen's Road Central.

The Contents and Value of Passage  
are required to be declared prior to shipment.

Shipments are particularly requested to  
note the terms and conditions of the Com-  
pany's Bills of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their bag-  
gage can do so on application at the Com-  
pany's Office.

E. L. WOODIN,  
acting Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office  
Hongkong, July 18, 1887. 1347

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor  
Owners will be Responsible for  
any Debt contracted by the Officers or  
Crew of the following Vessels, during  
their stay in Hongkong Harbour:

ALLIE ROW, Hawaiian brig, Captain J.  
Phillips. — Weller & Co.

CHEMPSO, British barque, Captain C. E. Collins. — Ed. Schellhass & Co.

CHING-WE, British steamer, Captain R. H. MacHugh. — Arnold Karberg & Co.

ELIZABETH NICHOLSON, British barque, Captain Geo. Falconer. — Mulch & Co.

HATTIE N. BANGS, American barquentine, Captain E. Bangs. — Goncalves & Co.

SAIN T ASAH, British steamer, Capt. C. H. Housier. — Gibb, Livingston & Co.

TEATROS, German steamer, Captain J. Petersen. — Taksina Colley.

## Mails.

## Insurances.

## To-day's Advertisements.

## POST OFFICE NOTICES.

## NOTES OF CLOSING.

## THE FRENCH MAIL.

## The following hours are observed in closing

## Mails, &amp;c., by the French Contract

## Packet:

## Day before departure:

## 6 p.m.—Money Order Office closed.

## Post Office closed, except the

## Navy Box, which is always

## open out of Office hours.

## Day of departure:

## 6 a.m.—Post Office opens.

## 10 a.m.—Registry of Letters ceases.

## Posting of all printed matter

## and postcard ceases.

## 11 a.m.—Mails closed, except for Late

## Letters.

## 11.30 a.m.—Letters may be posted with

## Late Fee of 10 cents until

## 11.30 a.m.—When the Post Office closes

## entirely.

## 11.40 a.m.—Late Letters may be posted

## on board the packet with Late

## Fee of 10 cents until time of

## departure.

## MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

## Shipping.

## Noon.—Mourning leaves for Swatow, &amp;c.

## Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of

## Call and Europe.

## 4 p.m.—Condon leaves for Shanghai.

## 4 p.m.—Travancore leaves for Kobe, &amp;c.

## Prometheus leaves for Shanghai, &amp;c.

## Auctions.

## 11 a.m.—Auction of 18,000 cases Kerosene Oil at Messrs. Russell &amp; Co.'s

## Godowns, Wanchi.

## Miscellaneous.

Goods per *Cardigan* undelivered

## after this date subject to rot.

## General Memoranda.

## Friday, July 22.—

## 3 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Lashoad

## Property in Queen's Road East.

Goods per *Borneo* undelivered after this

## date subject to rot.

## Monday, August 1.—

## 3 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of the

## H. K. C. &amp; M. Steamboat Co., Ltd.

## at No. 7, Queen's Road Central.

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO.,

## LIMITED.

## SUMMER REQUISITES.

## FRUIT CORDIALS.

## LIME JUICE, RASPBERRY, STRAWBERRY,

## CHERRY, PINEAPPLE, DAMSON,

## ORLEANS PLUM.

## MONTserrat LIME FRUIT JUICE.

## ACIDULATED LIME JUICE TABLETS.

## MAISON &amp; SWAN'S NEW Patent

## WATER FIZZERS.

## PRICKLY HEAT LOTION.

## BAY RUM, TOILET VINEGAR.

## CARBOLIC EAU DE COLOGNE.

## A. S. WATSON &amp; CO., LTD.

## THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

## ESTABLISHED 1841.

## Hongkong; June 13, 1887. 1121

## BIRTHS.

## At the Hotel des Colonies, Shanghai, on

## the 16th July; Mrs. Gao, wife of a Son.

## At 9, Hankow Road, Shanghai, on

## the 9th Instant, the Wife of Alex. Ross, of a Son.

## At Kiang-kiang, on the 8th Inst., the Wife

## of Alexander Campbell, Esq., of a Son.

## At Shanghai, on the 12th Instant, the

## Wife of Gao, R. Wingrove, of a Son.

## At Shanghai, on the 15th Inst., the Wife

## of Chas. Isaacs, of a Daughter.

## DEATH.

On board the *Tung-sha* Lightship on the

## 16th July, EDWARD OSBURN (Master), aged

## 44 years.

## The publication of this issue commenced

## at 7.30 p.m.

## The China Mail.

## HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 1887.

## THERE appears to be a consensus of

## opinion, among those who desire to see

## our Harbour preserved, that some system

## should be adopted for checking the filling

## up of the fairways with rubbish.

## It is, we believe, contended that a loose

## system already exists for the prevention

## of this evil, but an enquiry into the

## facts leads us to the belief that, however

## perfect the organisation may be in

## theory, in practice it is an utter failure.

## Theoretically, official departments are

## supposed to work together for a com-

## mon object; practically they do not.

## The result is that the law is persistently

## evaded, and the responsibility appears

## to rest upon no department in particular.

## The Ordinance regulating the particu-

## lars here referred to reads as fol-

## lows:—Every person who shall cast or

## throw any dead body, ballast, rubbish,

## or other substance, either from shore, or

## from any vessel, into the waters of the

## Colony, ... shall incur a penalty

## of not more than fifty dollars, or im-

## THE CHINA MAIL.

The *Strait Times* says:—“The *China Mail* has fallen into a serious mistake when it states that the homeward English mail which left Hongkong on the 2nd and Singapore on the 7th June, per P. & O. steamer *Forest*, was delivered in London on the 28th ult. The Mails delivered in London on the 23rd ultmo were those from the P. & O. steamer *Deepest* and M. M. steamer *Saghalien*, whilst the *Forest's* mail, according to the Exchange telegram, was only delivered on the 14th instant. We fear our contemporaries in its eagerness to correct our statements has itself fallen into a serious blunder. Private telegrams were received here, dated London 7th instant, which showed that the *Renta* herself had arrived at Plymouth on the 6th or 7th instant. It would be a very strange thing, therefore, if her mails only reached London three days previous.

Two cases of unlicensed drink-selling came up at the Police Court this morning. One of the defendants was Lo Ah Wing, who resides in Lower Lascar Row. The police alleged that Lo had recently been doing a little illicit trading in samsu, and an inspection of his premises resulted in the discovery of a considerable quantity of the potent spirit. The charge was admitted, and a fine of \$53 imposed, with the alternative of three months' imprisonment. The other charge was against O. Kaimasso, licensed coffee house-keeper, Peel Street, who was accused of having sold intoxicating liquors in his place on the 15th inst. It appeared that several complaints had recently been made to the police against Kaimasso, and to-day a number of persons admitted having purchased and drunk bottles of beer in his shop. A fine of \$50 was also imposed in this case.

In the Supreme Court to-day, Hon. A. J. Leach, Acting Police Judge, heard further evidence in the interpleader suit at the instance of Wang Yu Pau, which involves a dispute as to the ownership of a junk. It appears that the vessel in question, which formerly belonged to Lo Hoi, had been claimed, in payment of a debt by Sui Ying Chow, who obtained a writ of attachment on the junk on the 12th inst. The applicant in the present case averred that on the 11th he purchased the boat from Lo Hoi, and in support of his claim to the ownership of the craft produced a receipt as evidence of her transfer to him. Mr. C. Evans, engaged for Wang

Yu Pau, the applicant, and Mr. Wilkinson (of Messrs. Wilkinson and Caldwell) for the original plaintiff, to-day, one of the crew of the junk who was examined, gave an account of a conversation which he said he heard between Lo Hoi and Wang Yu Pau on board the vessel. Witness said he was in the cabin changing his jacket while the two men were talking together and smoking opium. He heard Lo

Hoi say: “I can't go straight; there is no money from the sale of the cargo, and the capitalists will want money.” Witness also said he heard Lo Loi say that he had promised to pay Sui Ying Chow that day, and expressed a fear that, if he did not pay as he had promised, the boat would be seized; adding that: “To this witness said he had heard Wang Pau reply: “You give me the boat, and then you need not pay all the capitalists, but you must keep out of the way.” The case was adjourned for further evidence.

DECISION was given yesterday afternoon by Mr. A. J. Leach with regard to the interpleader summons made by Mr. Morrison, of the Glass Works, who claimed certain goods which had formerly belonged to A. H. Jackson, broker, and had been seized by Mr. Robert Lang in virtue of a writ of execution against Jackson. Mr. Lang obtained writ of execution for \$10,000 on the 16th June, and on the 19th the writ was returned with a note signifying that the defendant, Jackson, was not to be found. On the 1st July the bailiff seized, at the Glass Works, where Jackson had been living previous to his abounding, certain property which he supposed to be the property of the defendant and which were pointed out to him by the defendant's boy. Next day, however, a notice claiming the goods was received from Mr. Morrison, who said they had been handed over to him, previous to Jackson's departure, in payment of board and other debts due to him by Jackson. Mr. Leach said the question he had to decide was in whose possession the property had been immediately before the execution. He had no doubt that the bailiff was under the impression that the boy took him to the rooms where the goods were said to be rooms belonging to Jackson, but he (Mr. Leach) believed those rooms belonged to Mr. Morrison, and he thought it was a mistake of judgment not to have inquired further whose rooms they were. In absence of any proof to the contrary, it was quite clear that at the time immediately preceding the levy of the execution the goods belonged to the applicant. Mr. Morrison: He did not consider that the evidence of Jackson's boy, who said the goods were in the possession of the defendant, amounted to much. Like many Chinamen, it was impossible to get a direct answer from him. It appeared to him clear that those goods were given to Mr. Morrison and that they were removed from Jackson's rooms, some in May, some in June, and the remainder after Jackson left the Colony, and therefore he came to the conclusion that the applicant had made out the case and that the goods were actually in his possession when the execution was levied. He would add no other as to the cause. It seemed to him it was not the fault of Mr. Lang that those goods were seized, as it would be very hard on him to make him bear the costs.

As to the bailiff paying the costs that had been incurred, he directed the bailiff to pay the costs that had been incurred, and to give the bailiff the right to make out a bill for the same. The bailiff agreed to do so, and the two parties

out of the question. He had made a mistake in judgment, but the rooms were pointed out to him by Jackson's boy, there was no one else there, and he was therefore under the impression that the rooms were those of Jackson. He therefore ordered that the goods seized, with the exception of the *Junckia*, which was not claimed, be returned to the applicant.

The *Rangoon Gazette* says:—“We understand that the Chief Commissioner has ordered Theba to White Thibetan to be sent down from Mandalay to Rangoon. We cannot too highly commend this, and there seems to be no difficulty in the arrival of the steamer, as the arrival of the Empress of Japan, which was not claimed, has arrived to take charge. As the business will be conducted in the best and at the same time most economical manner, it is expected that, in a few weeks, bricks of the best quality will be placed in the market at about three-fourths of the present retail prices.”—*Strait Times*.

*THE SHE PAO* has an article upon the increasing prevalence of woman-stealing in Shanghai. It is proposed by the writer to establish an anti-kidnapping office or refuge on the foreign settlement, in front of which is to be set a barrier with a slit in it for the reception of secret information; also a couple of cages, inscribed “death to kidnappers by standing on tip-toe herein, in order to strike terror into the hearts of the evil-disposed.”

THE query about the falling away of British trade with Japan is scarcely borne out by the statistics extracted by the *Japan Herald* from the March returns of the foreign trade of the Empire of Japan. Here are some of the figures:

EXPORTS  
Year  
China ..... 1,247,917,130  
United States of America ..... 981,304,620  
France ..... 569,710,700  
Great Britain ..... 533,155,830  
East Indies and Siam ..... 141,271,000  
Germany ..... 80,924,210  
Austria ..... 48,917,600  
Corea ..... 39,163,170  
Australia ..... 32,551,130  
Italy ..... 18,602,850  
Russia ..... 11,747,210  
Switzerland ..... 10,481,000  
Canada & other British America ..... 6,271,920  
Belgium ..... 2,850,150  
All other Countries ..... 24,317,560  
Total ..... 4,151,162,230

IMPORTS  
Year  
Great Britain ..... 998,957,040  
China ..... 617,783,870  
East Indies and Siam ..... 261,721,010  
United States of America ..... 202,812,400  
France ..... 165,103,650  
Germany ..... 123,285,970  
Italy ..... 110,127,500  
Belgium ..... 36,601,450  
Switzerland ..... 35,328,200  
Australia ..... 12,057,800  
Holland ..... 5,317,800  
Portugal ..... 2,575,000  
Spain ..... 1,748,040  
Portugal ..... 200,800  
Austria ..... 23,940  
Denmark ..... 20,000  
Peru ..... 15,000  
All other Countries ..... 5,013,730  
Total ..... 2,613,219,840

It is said a cat has nine lives, and a Shan, who recently died, had four, and might have continued tempting Death for a considerably longer period had it not been for the progress of civilization; but this was too much for him, and the fellow is dead. His first escape was from drowning. He had accepted a challenge to swim the Tenuissim River, which at this place is a rushing torrent with a current of 20 knots an hour, and rapids are of frequent occurrence. He had not gone far in his attempt before he was caught by the current and carried far down the river, but was saved in a very exhausted condition by some boatmen. Hardly had he recovered from the effects of his bath, that he set out on a journey with some companions, and encamped on the river bank one night at a place called Sindung. Tigers are plentiful in that locality and the men lit fires to keep away from their camp; but as no one kept awake the fires went out. About midnight the rest of the men were awakened by the screams of the unfortunate Shan, and on rising saw a tiger walking away with him; the shouts of the men caused the tiger to let go his victim, and one of the boatmen having a gun, shot and killed the beast. The Shan was brought to Myitwa with fearful gashes in the shape of his neck, but after careful treatment recovered.

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WINDING to the very high price of bricks in Singapore, some contractors have resorted to open a new brickfield in order to supply themselves and the public with first-class bricks and tiles at moderate prices. Ground has been selected containing excellent clay, in quantities practically inexhaustible, and an experienced European bricklayer has arrived to take charge. As the business will be conducted in the best and at the same time most economical manner, it is expected that, in a few weeks, bricks of the best quality will be placed in the market at about three-fourths of the present retail prices.”—*Strait Times*.

THE ‘TYPHON’  
At half-past four o'clock this morning the typhoon gun was fired once at Kowloon, which indicated the approach of a strong gale. The barometer then stood about 29.44, having varied but slightly during the night. It shortly afterwards began to rise and at 1 p.m. it stood about 29.49. From that time it has moved very slowly, up and down, between 29.48 and 29.49.

At eight o'clock, the south wind was hoisted, which showed that the position of the disturbance was in the Southland during the day, the wind went round gradually from the East towards the South East, this would seem to indicate that the typhoon, or whatever disturbance had changed its position from the S.E. to the S.W., in which case we would probably escape and our friends in Tonquin get the full benefit of the blow. However, although the typhoon may not be coming direct on us, it is doubtless approaching nearer to us, and no appreciable change of the barometer can be expected. The greatest danger now is that, when the typhoon has got round the N.W., we may experience a strong blow from the S.W., striking about Yau-mai-ta, as occurred before under similar circumstances. Only one vessel has arrived, viz., the German steamer *Deutschland* and there are of course no departures, nor is it likely that any of the vessels advertised to sail to-day will leave until the typhoon has moved to a safe distance from our coast. Business, of course, is practically at a standstill along the Praya. The passenger launches ceased to run day and at the wharfs almost the only boats to be seen were dust-bin boats, which were secured firmly on the lee side of the wharf. The sea was running pretty high, but there is no greater commotion than what may be observed when a moderate gale is blowing. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the typhoon, if the disturbance was of this extent, has now passed beyond our shores. It is seldom that the harbour has presented such calmness and the men have been allowed to go ashore. The Committee venture to express their opinion that the change has arisen from a desire on the part of Her Britannic Majesty's Government to refer to the Local Government of this Colony the various subjects which the Chamber may from time to time communicate to their Representative at Peking, such opinions could have been readily and promptly obtained from the Local Government, for the Chamber have been in the habit of handing direct communication with Her Britannic Majesty's Government the interests of merchants are best served.

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